(c) No shortage of indigenous drug—Sodium Antimony Gluconate|Stibanate has been reported, Pentamidine isethionate is beign imported through W.H.O.

(d) Yes. As per published reports, about 8 per cent Kala-Azar patients indicates unresponsiveness to Sodium Antimoney Gluconate/Stibante. These are treated with Pentamidine isethonate.

Supply of vaccines to Hospitals

1211. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply vaccines to the hospitals on monthly basis instead of the present system of supply on quarterly basis; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The vaccines are supplied to states who arrange further distribution including the Hospitals under their administrative control. Under immunisation programme, instructions already exist to supply the vaccines to all the institutions on monthly basis.

(b) Does not arise.

Allegations regarding pay-offs in Airbus A-320 deal

1212. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the management of Airbus Industries the European consortium which manufactures the Airbus aircraft has rejected the allegation made by the Prime Minister of India that pay offs were involved in the Airbus A-320 deal;

(b) whether the judges of the European consortium have described th allegation as defamatory and propose to file a defamation suit; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Government has no information to this effect.

(c) Does not arise.

Vadodara and Ahmedabad Airports

1213. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vadodara airport closes down at 2200 hours sharp;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the Ahmedabad airport is likely to be upgraded to the status of an international airport?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) At present, the facilities at Vadodara airport are provided upto 2200 hours. The aerodrome is open for operation as per published watch hours and it varies according to the schedule filed by Airlines.

(c) The work of upgradation of facilities at Ahmedabad airport has already started. The completion of the work depends on acquisition of land by the State Government Authorities for extension of runway.